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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/23/03.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-8 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/780731.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-4, 9 are drawn to a syringe barrel, classified in class 604, subclass 232.
 - II. Claims 5, 6, 9 are drawn to a cylinder holder, classified in class 604, subclass 181.
 - III. Claims 7 are drawn to a syringe piston, classified in class 604, subclass 218.
 - IV. Claims 8 are drawn to a piston holder, classified in class 604, subclass 240.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions IV and III and II and I are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention IV has separate utility such as being used within a syringe barrel, invention III has separate utility such as being used within a syringe barrel for pushing medicament, invention II has separate utility such as being used to holder a syringe barrel, and invention I has separate utility such as being used to hold medicament. See MPEP § 806.05(d).
3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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4. During a telephone conversation with Mr. Arai on 1/19/05 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-4, 9.

Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action.

Claims 5-8 withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claim Objections

5. Claim 9 objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim is drawn to a non-elected claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n).

Accordingly, the claim 9 not been further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 1, 2, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Reilly et al. (USPN 5,997,502).

Reilly et al. discloses a syringe barrel comprises a flange with a front surface and a rear surface, wherein the rear surface (22fr) is roughened (Figures 1 and 5).

8. Claims 3, 4, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nolan, JR, et al. (US Pub 2001/0023336).

Nolan JR, et al. discloses a syringe barrel with a flange with a front surface and a rear surface, wherein the front surface with roughened (Figure 4A).

9. Claims 3, 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wimmer (USPN 5,275,581).

Wimmer discloses a syringe barrel with a flange with a front surface and a rear surface, wherein the front surface with roughened (Figure 1, 2).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew F DeSanto whose telephone number is 571-272-4957. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick LUCCHESI can be reached on (571) 272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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